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Mifflin Township Police first to respond to dangerous home invasion incident

The Mifflin Township police were dispatched at 12:32 p.m. to the 2600 block of Perdue Avenue which is in Mifflin Township on Columbus' northeast side May 8, 2013 for a robbery in progress and home invasion. Two officers arrived on the scene within one minute. A neighbor called and reported witnessing two males forcing the homeowner who was on his front porch back into the house by gunpoint.

Officers from the Columbus Division of Police, Clinton Township and the Franklin County Sheriff's SWAT Unit arrived on scene to assist Mifflin Township officers in surrounding the house. One suspect later identified as William Richardson, 26, attempted to climb out a side window and was apprehended by police.

The Franklin County Sheriff's SWAT Unit was called and arrived on scene using tear gas during the more than three-hour standoff. The second suspect who was allegedly armed was identified as DeAnthony Richardson, 22, who was apprehended in the attic by SWAT officers. Both suspects were charged with aggravated burglary, aggravated robbery and kidnapping, and are currently in the Franklin County Jail. Several nearby schools and daycares were on lockdown. No injuries were reported.

"What an excellent team effort not only by the Mifflin and Clinton township police officers, but also the Columbus Division of Police and Franklin County Sheriff's SWAT Unit," said Acting Police Chief William Price. "This is just one success story of many which go unnoticed about law enforcement agencies cooperatively working together for the good of those they serve."

The Mifflin Township Police Department, 2455 Agler Road, patrols the unincorporated area of the township — approximately 3.9 square miles or 13.95 road miles — and has a population of less than 5,000. The police department has eight full-time officers who maintain 24-hour police protection and a police fleet consisting of five marked and two unmarked cruisers.

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